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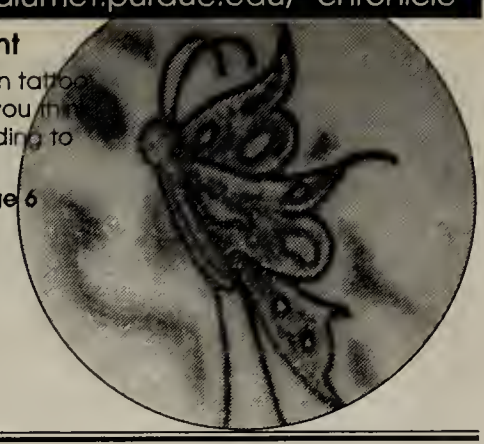

Latino organizations vs. Student Government

Alliance of Latino Student Organizations requested funding for the United Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Student Government Association denied conference funding because the request surpassed the deadline by one week.

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

Student Government denied a request from the Alliance of Latino Student Organizations to attend an annual conference which has sparked a heated debate between the two organizations.

A memo sent out from Elizabeth Roman, former SGA member and current member of ALSO, to all student organizations that stated SGA sent an anti-student message when they denied the necessary funds for ALSO to attend the United States Hispanic Leadership conference in Chicago simply because they were one week late in requesting funding. Roman said, "Through previous SGA administration, leadership funds have been approved to help cover expenses for this conference."

The SGA guidelines state that requests for funds must be in no later than a month prior to the event they would like to attend. A memo written by SGA President, Amy Croston said, "To be fair to all groups requesting funds every group must adhere to these simple guidelines by submitting their requests on the proper forms by the deadline clearly communicated to all groups."

"To be fair to all groups requesting funds every group must adhere to these simple guidelines..."
Amy Croston,
SG President

ALSO and the organizations it represents are some of the most prominent and largest groups on campus. Michelle Verduzco, ALSO advisor and recently appointed director of student activities, said in her memo to SGA to appeal the decision, "In our effort to provide the best Hispanic Heritage Month that PUC has ever hosted, some of the details were overlooked. In addition to putting together a first ever web page for our events, our first ever theater production, a very fine leadership development program that ALSO helped coordinate, we planned to attend the USHL conference." According to Verduzco, PUC students have attended this conference for the past 10 years and PUC is usually the largest student group in attendance. This year, approximately 40 students from PUC attended this event.

"Through previous SGA administration, leadership funds have been approved to help cover expenses for this conference."
Elizabeth Roman,
ALSO member

Leo Bryant, vice chancellor of student services, tried to mediate between the two groups to resolve tension. He said, "I spoke with both groups and suggested they sit down together to work out their differences because it's unfortunate that students feel disadvantaged with their student govern-

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Chancellor Scholar Awards offer full tuition including expenses to 13 freshmen

SONYA GIBSON
Staff Writer

Many students would love to go to school for free, and thanks to the Chancellor Scholar Awards, 13 PUC freshmen from the top of their high school class are now enjoying that luxury.

"This award made college a possibility."
Sarah Adams,
scholarship recipient

The Chancellor Scholar Awards covers everything from tuition to books. There was more than $50,000 awarded to the students. The requirements are, students must be enrolled full time and maintain a grade point average of 3.0. The recipients also had to register with PUC immediately following graduation in order to receive this honor. They also must be enrolled each semester, excluding summer, to keep these awards.

Requirements for keeping scholarship
- Must be enrolled full-time
- Grade point average must remain at least 3.0.
- The recipients also were required to enroll in Purdue Calumet immediately following graduation.

Many of the recipients expressed joy and thanks to the Chancellor and the school for making all this possible for them. When asked about the scholarship recipient Sarah Adams said, "This award made college a possibility." Chancellor James Yackel said he considers this award an investment to the future of Northwest Indiana. Yackel said, "Our studies show that most individuals who graduate from a college or university in our area tend to stay in this area and become a productive member of society."

The students receiving the award display a variety of interests and goals. Their majors range from Biology to Computer Information Systems. Recipient Lisa Manzo, a Nursing major said, "It's been my dream since I was little." While talking to Alexander Green, another recipient, he mentioned the process of deciding where to go to college. He looked into the computer department at Purdue and was sold right away. Green says that after learning more about our computer department, "there was no other decision to be made except attending PUC." Green also said he is very pleased with the PUC campus.

Photo by Christopher Kosovich

Michelle Verduzco will take over the position of Director of Student Activities on Nov. 2. Some of the changes in the position will include developing a student leadership program that includes mentoring for all students, adding a community service program, and devoting more time to developing student activities.

University appoints Verduzco Director of Student Activities

KELLY CREVISTON
Production Manager

Michelle Verduzco will take over the position of Director of Student Activities on Monday, Nov. 2. Larry Liddle vacated the position last summer.

Vice-chancellor of Student Services, Dr. Leo Bryant announced last week that Verduzco, currently the Director of Student Support Services, will not only be taking over the position but expanding it as well. The position has been transformed from a part-time to a full-time position. Some of the changes in the position will include developing a student leadership program that includes mentoring for all students, adding a community service program, and devoting more time to developing student activities.

Michelle Verduzco's career at Purdue Calumet
- Director of Student Support Services 1990-present
- Assistant Director, Career Development and Placement 1986-1990
- Graduate Assistant, Career Development and Placement 1985-1986
- Graduate Assistant, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor 1985-1986
- Graduate Assistant, Biology 1985-1986
- Graduate Assistant, Communications and Creative Arts 1985-1986
- Registration Supervisor, Office of the Registrar 1983-1985

"We were looking for someone to increase the role of student organizations," said Mary Didelot, assistant to the dean of students. "We wanted someone who would motivate students in leadership and volunteerism, someone who respected diversity. She (Verduzco) has shown us that she is inclusive with the general campus population as well as the minorities."

Verduzco was hired after an extensive search. A committee was put together to screen applicants over the last two months. After that, a limited number of recommendations were sent to Bryant to make the final decision.

"I was given a list of names along with their

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Warren Latrell, diplomatic scholar in residence at Northwest University, will lecture in Alumni Hall Oct. 19 at noon

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

A new direction in Student Activities

The Office of Student Activities—more specifically, its director—has a new, redirected and expanded role.

VERDUZCO

Effective Nov. 1, Michelle Verduzco, current director of Student Support Services, moves next door on the third floor of the Student Faculty Library Center to head the Student Activities shop.

She succeeds Larry Liddle, who retired this summer from his Student Activities duties, though he continues as men's varsity basketball coach.

Worn many hats

In her 15 years on staff at Purdue Calumet, Ms. Verduzco has worn many hats—officially and unofficially— and worked with students in numerous capacities in front of and behind the scenes. She was a work-study and clerical staff member in Registration, a graduate assistant in several offices and former assistant director of Career Development and Placement

She works closely with all six Latino student organizations that comprise the Alliance of Latino Student Organizations (ALSO). Officially, she has served as administrative advisor to three of them, including our nationally recognized chapter of the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers, which she helped establish here.

As a Purdue Cal undergraduate and graduate alumna, she has deep knowledge and background of the nature of our university, the types of students who attend and what it takes to succeed here.

"Michelle brings a wealth of experience to the Student Activities position," Vice Chancellor for Student Services Leo Bryant said. "She has served the campus in leadership roles as director of Student Support Services, United Way previous chair and current co-chair, and student leadership development..."

...Cultivating student leadership

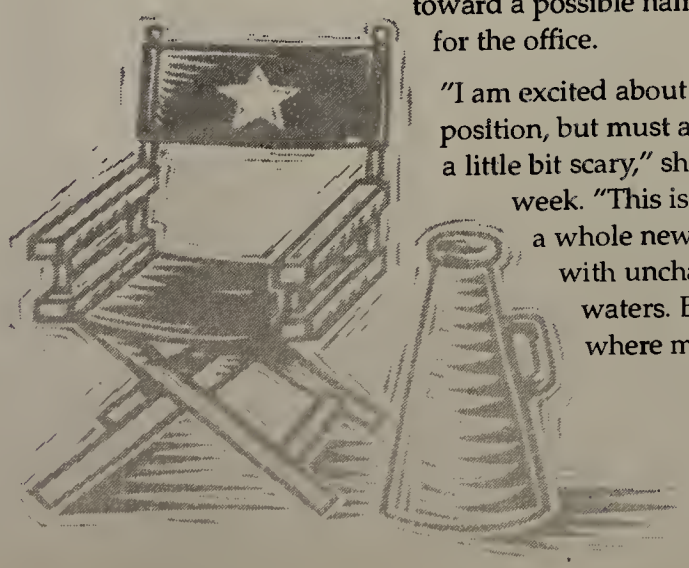
Drawing from Ms. Verduzco's background, the Student Activities office under her direction will adopt some noteworthy changes. In addition to coordinating student activities, she will spend much of her time developing and cultivating student leadership.

That is indeed appropriate given her demonstrated track record as co-coordinator of our Emerging Leaders Program—a program that has benefited many of our student leaders.

She also is being asked to develop a volunteer student community service program, whereby students can gain valuable experience while responding to needs in our communities.

Additionally, she will be establishing support programs and initiatives important to non-traditional students—perhaps relating to parenting, time management, relearning skills, and more.

To reflect these changes and expanded services, Ms. Verduzco is working with Vice Chancellor for Student Services Bryant toward a possible name change for the office.



"I am excited about this new position, but must admit it is a little bit scary," she said last week. "This is essentially a whole new position with uncharted waters. But it's where my heart is."

At a glance

around campus

Health career discussion

Dr. William Baldwin will discuss admission policies for the IU medical school, and USAF Major Barbara Holmstedt-Mark will discuss Air Force Health Professions Scholarships Tuesday, Oct. 13 at noon in SFLC-321. The discussion is hosted by the Biology Club.

English Honors Society meets

The English Honors Society will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. and again Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in CLO-265. Both are informative, goal setting meetings that will cover the same agenda. If you are interested in joining the society, attend either meeting or call 989-2547 and ask for Lauren or Kim.

Resume workshop

The Society for Human Resource Management will host a resume workshop Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. in GYTE-7D. For more information contact the Office of Student Activities at 989-2369.

BSU hosts poetry reading

The Black Student Union cordially invites students and faculty to a poetry reading to be held Thursday, Oct. 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 in SFLC-321.

Biology Club sponsors field trip to medical center

Any student interested in becoming a member of the Biology Club and in participating in a field trip to the Univ. of Chicago Advanced Center for Medicine on Friday, Oct. 16 should assemble at the library parking lot before the 3 p.m. departure on that day. For more information contact the Office of Student Activities at 989-2369.

RHIT 492 offers French Regional Dinner

Reserve space for a special dinner featuring French cuisine to be served on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. in the SFLC Region Room. Price of the dinner is $13.50 per person. Call Diana Raceina at 989-2319 Friday, Oct. 16 between 8 and 9 a.m. to make reservations. No groups larger than 12.

Chemistry Department hosts special seminars

The Chemistry Dept. will host the following lectures: "Solvent Extraction of Metal Ions with Alkyl Substituted Diphosphoric Acids" will be presented by Albert Herlinger, Loyola University, Thursday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. in GYTE-208.

Students interested in graduate chemistry studies should contact J.R. Phillips in GYTE-271 or at 989-2284 and may discuss options for advanced study following the Nov. 19 lecture.

Biology career workshop

The Biology Club will host a presentation by Dr. Tseng on biology careers Friday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. in GYTE-208.

Children's Halloween party

Sigma Lambda Gamma invites campus organizations to participate in hosting a Halloween party for children of the Riley Child Center Thursday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. in PER-130. The participation fee is $5 per organization, and participants are required to wear costumes. For more information call Nancy Gonzalez at 844-3431 or Jenny Adame at 923-4709.

Ethnic Studies program cosponsors theatrical drama

The theatrical drama "Camp Logan," based on the 1917 courts-martial and execution of 19 Black soldiers, will be presented Friday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the National Guard Armory at 2530 E. 173rd Street in Hammond. Tickets cost $5 each. For ticket information contact Cynthia at ext. 2401.

Hurricane George help

For assistance in contacting relatives who are victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico, in the U.S. Virgin Islands or on the Gulf Coast, call the American Red Cross at 756-5360. The ARC also solicits financial contributions as well as volunteers. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed.

Head Start XXI offers opportunities

The Head Start XXI Resource Center is looking for volunteers who would enjoy working to support the growth of young children in Lake and Porter counties. For more information contact the center at 989-3234 or stop in PORT-204.

Firm offers communications audits

ComSolutions is a consulting firm created by the Problems in Public Relations class at PUC and offers to analyze organizations' strengths and weaknesses to identify areas where communication breaks down. Those interested may leave a voice message at 781-4209.

Quote of the week

'Predictions are difficult, especially about the future.'

-Yogi Berra

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Clinton signs legislation to reduce interest on student loans

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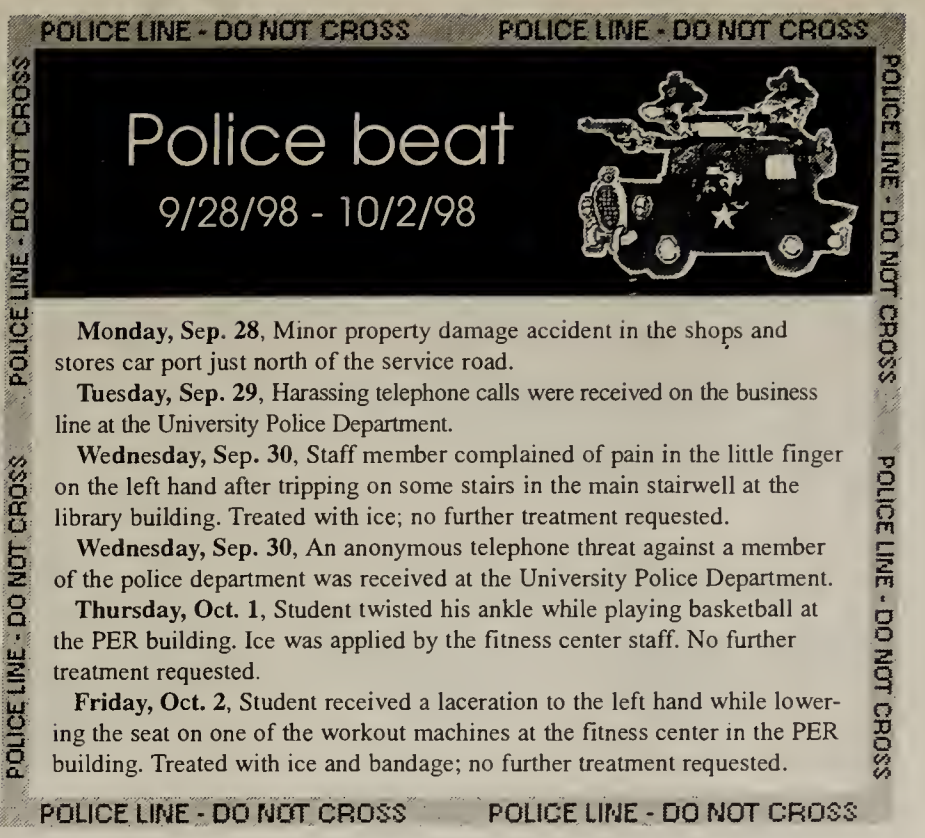
WASHINGTON - In a display of bipartisanship that contrasted sharply with the battle over his possible impeachment, President Clinton joined members of both parties Wednesday as he signed legislation to reduce the interest rate on federal college loans to the lowest level in 17 years.

At a White House ceremony, Clinton signed the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, one of the main laws affecting post-secondary school education. Besides lowering interest rates on student loans, the legislation contained provisions to improve teacher training, notify parents of students caught in drug and alcohol violations and report campus hate crimes.

The signing gave Clinton a chance to talk about the positive results of cooperation in Congress, tacitly comparing it with the partisan battling over impeachment. It also gives congressional Republicans, as they campaign for re-election, something to show for a legislative session otherwise short on achievements.

"We put the progress of the country and the people of the country ahead of our partisan differences and reached a principled resolution of the matters in dispute," Clinton said. "That's the way America is supposed to work, and that's the way the American people want us to work."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Monday, Sep. 28, Minor property damage accident in the shops and stores car port just north of the service road.
Tuesday, Sep. 29, Harassing telephone calls were received on the business line at the University Police Department.
Wednesday, Sep. 30, Staff member complained of pain in the little finger on the left hand after tripping on some stairs in the main stairwell at the library building. Treated with ice; no further treatment requested.
Wednesday, Sep. 30, An anonymous telephone threat against a member of the police department was received at the University Police Department.
Thursday, Oct. 1, Student twisted his ankle while playing basketball at the PER building. Ice was applied by the fitness center staff. No further treatment requested.
Friday, Oct. 2, Student received a laceration to the left hand while lowering the seat on one of the workout machines at the fitness center in the PER building. Treated with ice and bandage; no further treatment requested.

Verduzco

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many finalists."

Didelot, chairperson of the committee, put together an agenda for the position. After consulting with other schools to find out how the position of director of student activities here at PUC compared with that of other schools, responsibilities were added to expand the position.

With a change in the position, may come a change in the department title. Verduzco has been working with Bryant on some possible suggestions for a new title. Student leadership development; Student leadership, development, and community service; or Student affairs are three of the suggestions.

"In the past, the responsibilities only included student activities, now that is about 20 percent of the changed position," she said. "We are thinking of changing the name to reflect these added services."

> **"We want to help our students not only develop academically, but into sound citizens as well."**
> Mary Didelot, Assistant to the Dean of Students

One of the main goals that Bryant, Didelot, and Verduzco all share for the position is to bring learning outside of the classroom. They would like to provide students with the opportunities to participate in community service projects and other learning experiences.

"We want to help our students not only develop academically, but into sound citizens as well. It is important to give them a holistic education," said Didelot.

Verduzco stated, "I hope the work that I will be doing will help round-out our students' education and make them feel more connected to our campus."

Debate

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having the two groups meet. Verduzco said, "I tried many times through phone calls and e-mails to set up a time for the two groups to meet and work things out, but SGA never answered my requests." Croston said, "We would be willing to sit down with the members of ALSO to come to an agreement, however we have not received any calls from them."

The money for organizations to attend conferences is taken from a student funded Travel Leadership Fund. According to Croston, the funds are created from student service fees charged in tuition.

The fund is a matching fund with $ 1,000 maximum allotted to each group per semester. Croston said this is the first time this year that a group has been denied funding due to late requests, however, last year's records show that another organization was also denied funding for the same reason. In response to the statement that other groups in the past were allowed to slide past the deadline Croston said,

"This is a brand new administration and it is our duty to be fair and consistent in our decisions to follow the written guidelines."

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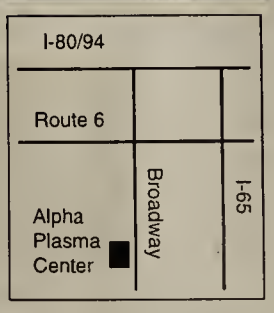

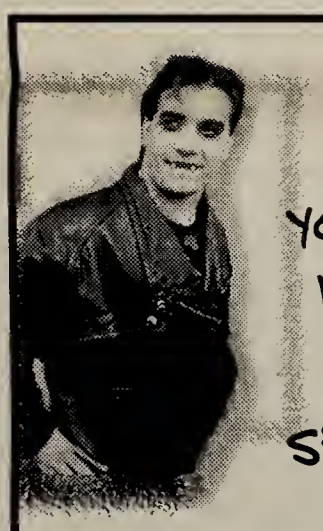
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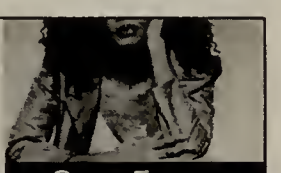

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SGA makes a difficult, fair decision

Recently the Student Government Association denied the Alliance of Latino Student Organizations request for leadership funds. This denial of leadership funds was the proper action to take by the SGA due to the enforcement of leadership fund request deadline and for issues concerning those student organizations that are eligible to receive leadership funds.

Leadership guidelines provided by the SGA state, "Leadership Funds are available for most organizations. Those that are selective membership organizations which are not open to all students are not eligible for support from this fund, (i.e., religious and political organizations, or social fraternities and sororities), except recognized honorary organizations."

ALSO, at the time of the decision to deny leadership funds, was not a registered student organization. For this reason alone the decision to deny leadership funds was correct.

In addition, the leadership fund request by ALSO did not adhere to the leadership fund request deadline set by the SGA. The leadership guidelines once again state, "The request for funds must be made at least one month prior to the date the funds are needed." The importance of the words, "one month," is stressed by printing them in bold type on the leadership guidelines.

In a memo to student organizations, Elizabeth Roman of ALSO stated, "When our SGA can deny funds for this type of conference on a time technicality it raises a concern for us all. The concern is how many other student organizations will be affected by a similar decision."

There is really nothing to be concerned with in this decision. We should make certain that all student organizations are affected by similar decisions under the similar circumstances.

The SGA cannot build any solid foundation for decision making processes if there is no process to follow. If we want the SGA to function in a professional manner we cannot ask to bend rules. This SGA administration is taking steps to build consistency and will need the help of all student organizations in order to be successful.

An important question has come down to the definition of guidelines and rules. There seems to be a discrepancy in the understanding of what the differences and similarities between the two actually are. Perhaps this is something that needs to be addressed by the SGA to avoid future confusion.

The SGA should not be blamed for not allowing ALSO, or any other group of students, to bend the leadership guidelines.

The leadership guidelines are in place to provide for fair distribution of funds to all eligible student organizations that wish to apply.

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Letter to the editor

Student Government's actions are anti-student

Last spring, more than 500 students gathered in one common cause, to elect their Student Government. Well, the time has come again for the students to unite and hold their Student Government accountable for its actions.

Student Government controls an account called the Leadership Travel Account. This account is utilized by student organizations to defray the cost of attending a leadership development conference, seminar, or workshop. Recently, the Alliance of Latino Student Organization (ALSO) requested financial support from Student Government to attend an annual conference that has been attended by PUC students for the past seven years. Student Government rejected the request, because, instead of submitting the request four weeks prior to the event, it was submitted only three weeks ahead of time.

Student Government's decision created substantial financial hardship for the 25 plus students who attended the conference. But, Student Government did not take that into consideration. The members of the Executive Board felt it was more important to make an example out of these students, and enforce strict rules on the students without any compassion.

In previous years, Student Government would approve similar requests from groups regardless of when a piece of paper was submitted. Previous Student Government administrations realized the importance of supporting any group's efforts in improving their knowledge, because, in turn, their knowledge would improve the campus as a whole. I believe this is a very important belief to uphold.

Student Government is our voice. It is supposed to be an advocate for our needs and our rights. Everything Student Government does is supposed to have our best interests in mind. Anything less is unacceptable. When it becomes unacceptable, it is the students' responsibility to hold their elected representatives accountable. With one vote of the Executive Board, Student Government told six student organizations that they are not important enough to protect their best interests. How many more anti-student decisions will we allow to happen before we say, "Enough is enough." It is only a matter of time before Student Government turns their backs on the entire student body.

Call Student Government at 989-2394, or stop by their office in SFLC-324G, and let them know we empowered them to represent us, we can just as easily revoke that power if they continue to ignore our needs.

Kristan Lemos

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The People speak

Question of the Week: What are your expectations for the Millennium?

by Amarachi Igboegwu
Staff Writer

"I believe it will be a period of more earthly cleansing. It will be a time when the darkness will be separated from the light. With whatever it takes."

Dave Sobuki
sophomore, Business Management

"My expectations for the millennium are low because I think that not many people are doing anything to improve society and with small foreign countries threatening the U.S. I see the probability of a third world war. Even the possibility of computers running our lives in every aspect."

Nick Mann
sophomore, LAS

"We in 2000, shall be doomed to flames, suffering and pestilence. We will, out of pride, withhold our screams. But that will make no difference, our fate will remain."

Marianna Villarreal
freshman,
Early Childhood Development

"I feel that we will experience many changes in the new millennium. Everything that we think is bad now will only be worse in the future. That is where I think this world will lead to if we do not stop it now."

Robin Gunn
junior, Pharmacy

"I feel that the government has the cure for the AIDS virus and the time frame that it will take for the population to be notified, let a lone cured. More than half of the world will have their tombstones intact. The generation X population and the baby boomer population would have either overdosed or died or will just end up plain crazy."

Student authors consider legal action against Iona College

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. – Students at Iona College are debating First Amendment rights with school officials who insist the law supported their decision to confiscate the school's literary magazine and delete all or part of three poems.

In a statement released Sept. 30, the college said its opinion is "consistent with the tradition of the Christian brothers, Catholic higher education and relevant law." The school also said its policy is to ban indecency from student publications.

Only days before the end of the last school year, Iona confiscated 380 copies of the magazine because it contained "offensive" and "totally inappropriate" writing, Iona President Brother James Liguori said. Two poems containing profanity were removed from the magazine. A third containing a sexually explicit word was edited but allowed to remain.

Iona students have complained that the magazine was altered without a recommendation from the college's media board, which is composed of students, faculty and administrators. One student author said her work was altered without her permission - and after she had been assured the piece would run "as is."

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> Mark Goodman, director of the Student Press Law Center

School officials have said they could not muster a quorum of the media board because the conflict occurred during final exams. They also said the private school, acting as publisher of the magazine, had the right to change the magazine in any way it saw fit.

"Even if the school had the authority to do something like this, it's hard not to say this was educationally backwards," said Mark Goodman, director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C. "It's hard to believe that in 1998 someone would be shocked by the use of a vulgarity in a literary publication.

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Think twice about that tattoo

Popular trends fade, especially for fickle Gen Xers

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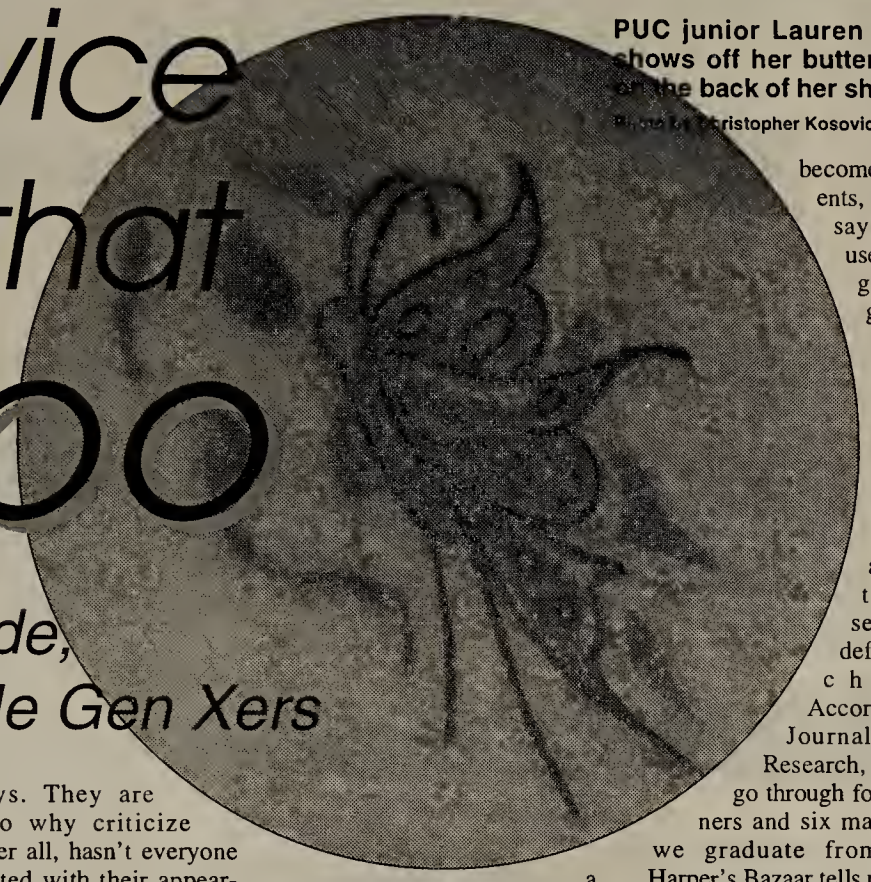


PUC junior Lauren Mathews shows off her butterfly tattoo on the back of her shoulder.

Photo by Christopher Kosovich

So you think that tattoo says something about you? Perhaps the words "individual," "unique," and "bad" come to mind. Allow me to add a few of my own like "big," "fat" and "mistake."

Our generation has proven to be pretty fickle and just about the least self-assured of any so far. Yet we feel compelled to make such major life-decisions as permanently inking a bouquet of black roses on our backs.

Sure, there are lots of very attractive tattoos on the streets these days. They are trendy, so why criticize them? After all, hasn't everyone experimented with their appearance, expressing their identities with hopes that their physical and inner selves could somehow become interchangeable?

One of the biggest problems with tattoos is that they last forever – or until someone takes them off with *laser surgery.*

Sure — and then most of us turned 17..

One of the biggest problems with tattoos is that they last forever — or until someone takes them off with laser surgery. Many folks insist they're capable of committing to a neck-full of tattooed flames for life, but how can they be so sure? Must I remind everyone that we once thought Twisted Sister was cool and that those big bangs would never go out of style?

Not a good enough example for you? Then look at your parents' old high school and college pictures.

You know the ones. You've laughed your butt off at the sight of dad, who traded in those peasant blouses exposing his hairy chest for three-button polo shirts and Dockers. And Mom, who now wears a bra under that sweatshirt bearing an applique scarecrow on the front.

While you won't necessarily become your parents, it's safe to say you could use them as a genetic guide to your future. Let's face it, people change.

And our generation, according to researchers, is definitely into change. According to the Journal of Sex Research, most of us go through four sex partners and six majors before we graduate from college. Harper's Bazaar tells us that we'll most likely have 10 jobs and six careers before we retire.

Still think you know yourself enough to commit that wrist of yours to a lifetime of thorny vines? What about your lover's name across your knuckles?

Tattoo removal costs about $3,000. Think about it.

Another problem with the tattoo trend is the oxymoronic statement it makes. Tattoos are not only a fashion statement. They are supposed to be a political one as well. They symbolize rebellion, independence and rejection of the establishment. As part of the tattoo soap opera, the establishment, in turn, rejects the tattooed.

Many extremely painted people say that they cannot be rejected by society because they have already rejected society. The irony, of course, is that the "enemy" now supports the mainstream. According to U.S. News & World Report, the tattooed are now 20 million strong. Tattoo parlors are the sixth fastest growing retail industry in America, and the bandwagoneers support the opening of more than one new studio per day, paying upwards of $1,000 per masterpiece.

Tattooees are poster children of the trend-vulnerable, capitalistic, materialistic society we live in — probably not the image theyy're going for. While there is something to be said for individualism, there is more to be said for maturity. People shouldn't remain as staid and superficial as the tattoo they got when they were 20.

Inevitably, there will come a day when most tattooed people will decide their markings were a mistake to get. That beautiful rendition of "Starry Night" will become a muddled blob, and it will be a challenge to match cuff links with the Homer Simpson etched onto their hands.

Tattoo removal costs around $3,000. Think about it: You're 35, you can't get a job because you have a tattoo, and you can't afford to have the tattoo removed because you don't have a job.

Choose your battles wisely — ones that give you credibility for the moment and flexibility for a lifetime.

Talk show host worries his way to top of ratings

JAY BOBBIN
AND HUGH HART
College Press Exchange

O'Brien relaxes during a break from his late-night talk show.

Conan O'Brien, the blustery host of late night's wildest party, insecure? Strange but true. At least when it comes to maintaining quality on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" the former "Simpsons"-writer-turned-frontman describes himself as "a little fevered" in his behind-the-scenes approach.

"I'm a worrier. I think there's something in the genes of people who do these kinds of shows. You worry about the crowd. You worry about the comedy that night. If last night's show was good, you wonder if you can do it again," said O'Brien.

Tongue firmly in cheek, O'Brien adds, "It's a miserable existence, and you should pity me."

With his invaluable, willing-to-do-anything-for-a-laugh sidekick Andy Richter, O'Brien has managed to overcome nearly universal skepticism that he could replace David Letterman five years ago in NBC's late night slot.

"It was an insane thing to go through," he allows. "My debut in late-night had all the feel of Evel Knievel's jump over Snake River Canyon. I remember very clearly what it was like in the early days, when the studio audience didn't really know who I was. I think half of them got in line because they thought they were going to see Dave. I'd come running out and say, 'He'll be back.'"

"It's a miserable existence and you should pity me."

Conan O'Brien, NBC talk show host

Letterman himself gave a gracious boost to O'Brien, who competes with the Letterman-owned Tom Snyder talker on CBS, by appearing on the redhead's show. "Dave coming on as a guest in February 1994 was huge," he recalls. "That was at the height of the late-night wars, and I think that was a reason for a lot of (reviewers) to look again."

Magazine covers and kinder articles followed, but O'Brien maintains, "I wouldn't be presumptuous enough to say, "Well, it's done and we won." The thing about these shows, which is hard for anybody who doesn't do them to understand, is that it's every day. You're only as good as your last show, and when we do a show I don't think is up to our standards, I'm predisposed to feel like I'm on my way down. We are always trying to make the show better."

O'Brien isn't concerned just yet about Craig Kilbourn's impending arrival at CBS to host "The Late Show. "The most stupid thing I could do right now," he reflects, "would be to react to a show that isn't there. I ran into Craig in a restaurant and we chatted about it. If he's going to do any of the stuff they've been doing on 'The Daily Show,' it'll still be quite different. He actually might bring some other people to the table, which happens often in late-night TV."

The late hour gives O'Brien a freedom he feels few talk hosts have.

"You have a license to try different things and put on different kinds of guests, and that's where our show sometimes has its soul. (Movie director) Abel Ferrara acted insane on our program, and people were calling the NBC stations because they thought, 'Someone's about to get shot. This is intense.' That's great television."

O'Brien occasionally turns up on the tube before most of America has gone to sleep. He had a cameo on the now-gone "The Single Guy," which is profiled in an upcoming Bravo special on late night talk shows.

This month he hosted a prime-time version of his show, which he described as an opportunity for our show to be seen by people who are awake and fully alert."

Horoscopes

for the week of October 12

Aries (March 21-April 19). Monday looks slightly difficult, with problems at home demanding your attention. Tuesday and Wednesday will be a lot more fun, but don't let it interfere with your work. Definitely put fun aside on Thursday and Friday. Accuracy is very important then. Relax over the weekend by doing whatever your mate wants.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Comfort a loved one on Monday and get the same back in return. Your stresses get worse before they get better, as you face a work-related decision Tuesday or Wednesday. Not to worry. You'll live through it. By Thursday or Friday, you'll be ready to celebrate. Saturday and Sunday are busy again, but by then it'll be more fun.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Don't throw your money around on Monday. You'll feel better if you save it, instead. Study on Tuesday and Wednesday, especially ways to make your sweetheart happy. Fix up your place on Thursday and Friday so you can entertain romantically over the weekend.

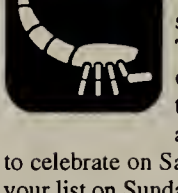
Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're powerful on Monday, although you're still running into problems. Someone doesn't want to mind you. Make your point then. It'll be even harder on Tuesday and Wednesday. The best you can hope for those days is to keep control of the money. On Thursday and Friday, things look better as an ally comes to your assistance. But over the weekend, you might as well give up; a roommate or loved one is going to get his or her way. Stop worrying. It will be much more fun than you thought it would be, and probably not as expensive.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Pressure could get uncomfortable on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday are yours. Others will jump to do your bidding. Get practical on Thursday and Friday, and you can generate more income. Spend quickly but wisely on Saturday, and share your triumph with close friends and neighbors on Sunday.

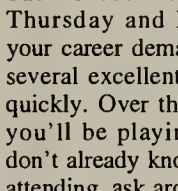
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friends can help you solve a financial dilemma on Monday by giving you advice, rather than a loan. Just do what you're told on Tuesday and Wednesday and you'll make your life a lot easier. Offer suggestions and give a few orders yourself on Thursday and Friday, and maybe even Saturday. You're the one who knows what's really going on, so don't let the others make a mistake out of foolishness. On Sunday, indulge yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mind an older person on Monday and you'll make valuable points. Help out with a team effort on Tuesday and Wednesday and you'll make points there, too. Thursday and Friday are a little more difficult, as you count up the points you've already made. Yes, neatness counts, too, but you can relax from Saturday night through Sunday. You'll be awesome then. Invite lots of friends over to see you at your best.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let a foreigner into your heart on Monday. Find out what an older person wants on Tuesday, so you can provide it by Wednesday. You succeed through serving well on Thursday, with the help of your friends. Put on the final touches Friday, and gather with buddies to celebrate on Saturday. Check things off your list on Sunday.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Count your money on Monday, including money you can borrow from other people. On Tuesday and Wednesday, you may get a good opportunity to do something you've always wanted. Looks like travel associated with education, so check out those options. Thursday and Friday, your career demands attention. There are several excellent opportunities, so move quickly. Over the weekend, it looks like you'll be playing with friends. If you don't already know which party you'll be attending, ask around and pick the best of the bunch.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're facing a challenge at work today, but you can rise to the occasion. Help an older person make up his or her mind and you could win the promotion. Count your money on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the other people's money too. Never hurts to know who has what. You could start getting wanderlust around Thursday. The condition holds through Saturday. Maybe you could get those days off. You'll be ready to work again by Sunday. If you can't, at least study the situation so you're ready by next Monday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Travel is good all this week, so you really ought to be on vacation. If you still have a couple of things to do, finish them off Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday, a partner demands your attention. Shop for provisions Thursday and Friday. You'll get the best deals then. Launch your expedition Saturday through Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A very attractive person is watching you right now, but take care. This new attention could conflict with something or somebody who's already in your life. Tuesday and Wednesday are intense workdays.

Take a brown bag with your lunch. Don't get into an argument with your partner on Thursday or Friday. It'll just use up valuable time pointlessly.

Once you reach an agreement with your mate on Saturday, you can go buy something you want together on Sunday.

If it's your birthday

Born Oct. 12: Your assignment is to learn to please others. You can do it. You're a natural negotiator and you're good with people.

Oct. 13: Friends teach you to let out your natural talent, and coach you when that gets scary.

Oct. 14: Hard work plus love equals great accomplishments. Your heart's in the right place. And that's really all that matters.

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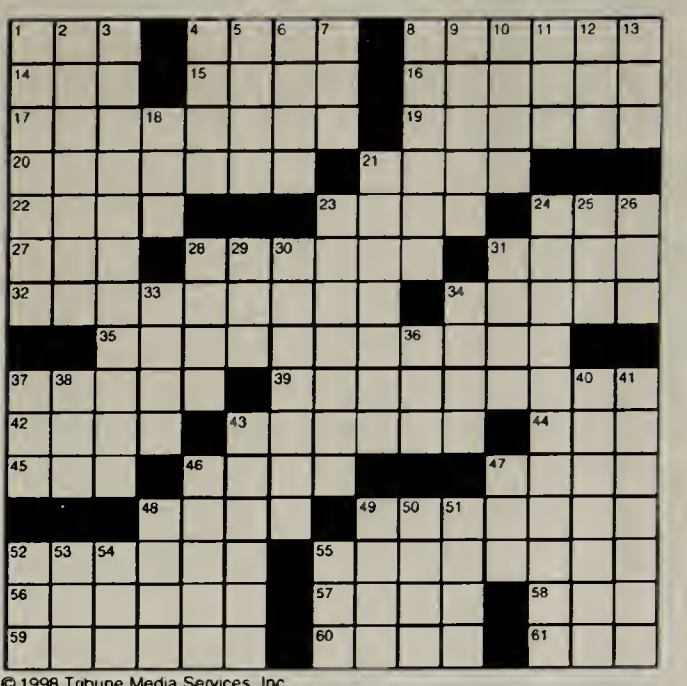

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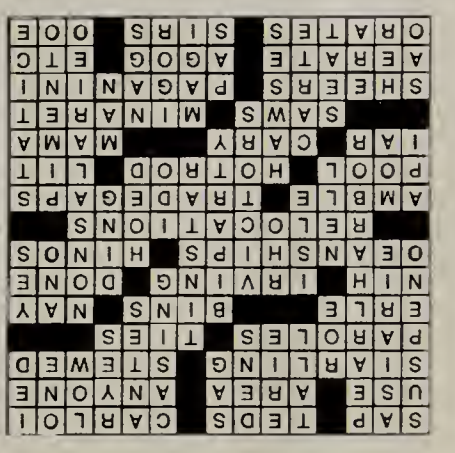

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Athletic program explores cyberspace

J.B. LYLES
Sports Editor

In a world where nearly everyone is online, the PUC athletic program has entered the cyberfield.

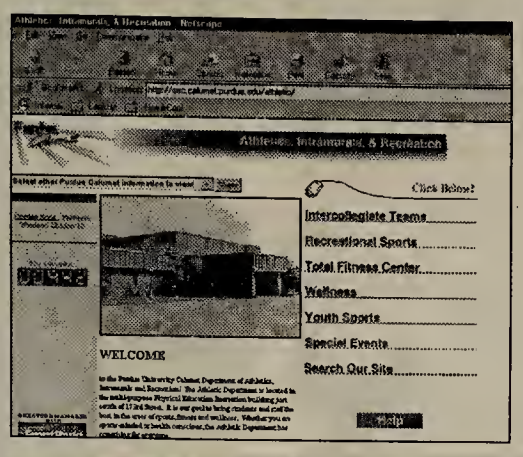
Men's basketball assistant coach, Tony Garvey, is excited that the web page is up and running. "It gives people a glimpse of what our and the other athletic programs are like for those who want to know about us. It will have stats, profiles, and highlights from the games we played."

Martha Lowry, one of the two people in charge of the athletic site, says that the web site is good for a school our size. Lowry is currently updating the aerobic schedule, the wellness page, and scores from the previous games. Bill Crowley, also in charge of the athletic page, said the page is going real well.

"And now people are accessing it and making the most of it."
Bill Crowley, co-director of the PUC atletic web site

"We have developed from a basic page a year and a half ago, to a bunch of well developed pages. And now people are accessing it and people are making the most of it."

The page is more than just athletics; it also houses the wellness page, the total fitness center page, intermurals page, plus a page for upcoming events at the PER building.



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Basketball player poses ethical question: to play or to pray

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FAIRBORN, Ohio – Brandon Pardon wanted to play basketball with his teammates, not pray with them about it, so the sophomore point guard at Wright State University quit with hopes of transferring to another Division I school at the end of this quarter.

Coach Ed Schilling believes Pardon didn't like team rules and was looking for an excuse to leave. Schilling said Pardon had complained about having to live on campus, attend a study table and eat breakfast with his teammates. He said Pardon never mentioned the prayer sessions or devotionals many players attend.

Pardon, expected to start this season, left the team Monday. He told the Dayton Daily News that he clashed with chilling over several issues, including the coach's strong emphasis on spiritual matters.

"I'm a Christian, too, but the piratical thing is brought in more than it needs to be."
Brandon Pardon, former WSU basketball team member

"We pray after practice, before and after games," Pardon said. "It's totally voluntary, and you don't have to do it, but you feel bad if you don't. They don't think they force it on you, but they do in a way. I'm a Christian, too, but the piratical thing is brought in more than it needs to be."

Schilling said prayer meetings are led by students and never done as a team. He also said the devotionals are held after pre-game meals and that separate rooms are available for players who want to pray before or after games.

Wright State, a member of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, finished 10-18 last season. It was Schilling's first year as head coach there after spending a year as an assistant for the New Jersey Nets.

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Fast Break

A brief look at PUC sports

ST. FRANCIS SLIDE BY LAKERS

In Men's Soccer, The PUC Lakers (0-8, 0-5 Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference) lost to the St. Francis Saints 4-1. The only goal the Lakers had in the contest was by leading scorer Ahmed Al-Qahtani. The Lakers are still looking for their first win of the season; they could get it against St. Xavier on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at home. Game time is 4 p.m.

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